

# Press Release

To: Arkansas Media  
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CC: Governor's Office  
Date: February 4, 1999  
Re: January meeting of the Authority Board of Directors

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## Authority Board Approves Research & Technology Transfer Funding

The Board of Directors for the Arkansas Science & Technology approved a total of \$163,918.33 in grants for research and technology transfer assistance during its annual January meeting, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> in Little Rock .

The following Basic Research projects were funded:

**PROPOSAL NO. 99-B-13**, "Improving Methods for Acoustical Determination of Porous Properties," by Dr. Carl Frederickson of the University of Central Arkansas, in the amount not to exceed \$13,608.00.

**PROPOSAL NO. 99-B-14**, "Regulation of Plant Defense Response by a Pathogen-Induced Transcription Factor," by Dr. Yinong Yang of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in the amount not to exceed \$56,196.00.

**PROPOSAL NO. 99-B-15**, "Plant Biosynthesis of Antibodies for Human Immunotherapy," by Dr. J. Brad Murphy of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, in the amount not to exceed \$43,562

**PROPOSAL NO. 99-B-18**, "Effects of Endocrine Disruptors on Ram Sperm Fertilizability," by Dr. Anne A. Grippo of Arkansas State University, in the amount not to exceed \$26,084.00.

The following companies received financial assistance through the Authority's Technology Transfer Assistance Grant (TTAG) program, in some instances with the assistance of the Authority's Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP):

Assisted Enterprise	Application Description	TASP <sup>1</sup>	TTAG Funds
Riverside Corporation Fort Smith, AR 99-TTAG-0016	Feasibility Study for Treatment of Non-Hazardous Ink Cleanup Water App. Rec'd 10/14/98	M & M Environmental	\$ 3,750
Wire Industries Dumas, AR 99-TTAG-0022	ISO 9000 Assistance App. Rec'd 11/17/98	Holliday Consulting	\$ 3,750
Capstan Inland Hazen, AR 99-TTAG-0023	QS 9000 Assistance App. Rec'd 11/20/98	UALR / MEP	\$ 3,750
AMDC Fayetteville, AR 99-TTAG-0024	SBIR Assistance App. Rec'd 11/25/98	AMDC	\$2,968.33
Universal Packaging Fort Smith, AR 99-TTAG-0025	ISO 14000 Assistance App. Rec'd 12/2/98	Westark College / MEP	\$ 3,750
George Fischer Sloan Little Rock, AR 99-TTAG-0026	ISO 9000 Assistance App. Rec'd 12/14/98	Westark College / MEP	\$ 3,750
Altronic Research Yellville, AR 99-TTAG-0027	ISO 9000 Assistance App. Rec'd 12/14/98	Westark College / MEP	\$ 3,750

## Authority Board To Meet Next on March 19

The next scheduled Board meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Arkansas Capital Corporation, 225 South Pulaski in Little Rock. The general public is invited to attend.

*The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.*

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<sup>1</sup> Technology Assistance Service Provider